INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

DEGREES
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Interdisciplinary Studies is to provide a unique academic program that offers highly motivated and intellectually curious students the opportunity to develop an individualized, innovative and integrated major. As an alternative to a traditional major, self-directed students are engaged and mentored by faculty to build a concentration on the basis of a interrelated unifying issue, topic, theme, culture, or personal inquiry.

GOALS FOR PROGRAM

Goal 1:
To increase the number of students within the Interdisciplinary Studies major.

Objective 1:
Be more visible on campus so students begin to enroll after completing 15 semester credits.

Objective 2:
Develop a concentration for Honors students.

GOALS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Goal 1:
Students will develop proficiency in the terminology, methods, and theories of their integrated course of study.

Student Learning Outcome 1:
As a result of completing IDS 398 and IDS 499 students explore and develop the goals of their own integrated course of study.

Student Learning Outcome 2:
Students will plan, develop, and successfully complete an original research project under the guidance and supervision of the instructor for the Senior Capstone Project.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Application procedures and guidelines for the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program may be obtained from the Dean of University College. The completion of 15 semester credits is required and the completion of 30 semester hours is recommended before filing an application to the program. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required.
All applications for admission will be reviewed by the University Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. Consideration is given to previous coursework and suitability of the proposed curriculum. The student must demonstrate that an individualized course of study will be an educationally sound alternative to traditional degree programs currently being offered at Coastal Carolina University.

Students applying to the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program, under the guidance of consulting faculty, develop a program of study listing the courses proposed to complete a degree program. Admission is not complete until the program of study contract has been approved by the University Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. All students must complete their approved program of study to be eligible for graduation. Any subsequent change of MINOR requirements in the program will require the prior written approval of the student’s adviser and the Dean of University College. Any subsequent change of MAJOR requirements in the program of study will require the prior written approval of the student's adviser and the Dean of University College.

The Interdisciplinary Studies program may accept up to 60 semester hours from technical colleges and up to 30 semester hours of nontraditional credit, such as AP, IB and CLEP, provided that transcripts for such nontraditional activities are submitted. Transfer credit granted for technical and nontraditional studies apply as elective credit only. A maximum of 76 credits may be transferred for degree credits from any regionally accredited two-year college transfer program. A maximum of 90 credits may be transferred for degree credits from any regionally accredited four-year college or university.

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program requires its graduates to earn 120 semester credits with a minimum 2.0 GPA. The last 30 credits before graduation must be registered for and completed after acceptance into the program.

The guidelines printed here apply to Bachelor of Arts degree programs. Bachelor of Science degree programs require a mathematics sequence which includes MATH 160 with a grade of C or better and a minimum of twelve (12) hours of upper division (300 level or above) credits in mathematics or the sciences.

Students must receive a grade of C or better in ENGL 101, ENGL 290, ENGL 390 or ENGL 459 and all Foundation Courses and Major Requirements.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: B.A., B.S. (120 Credits)
I. CORE CURRICULUM (34-41 Credits) .......................................................... 34-41

II. FRESHMAN GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (0-3 Credits)
   UNIV 110 The First-Year Experience .................................................... 0-3
   UNIV 110 is required for all new entering freshmen and for new transfer students with fewer than 12 transfer credit hours unless the transfer student has satisfactorily completed a college transition course.
III. FOUNDATION COURSES (9 Credits) 
The following courses are required for all Interdisciplinary Studies majors and must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Choose one: (3 Credits) .......................................................... 3
  ENGL 290 Introduction to Business Communication (3)
  ENGL 390 Business and Professional Communication (3)
IDS 398 Research Methods in Interdisciplinary Studies .................. 3
IDS 499 Research in Interdisciplinary Studies .............................. 3

IV. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (30 Credits)
Approved Program Courses* ............................................... 30

*Thirty credits of 300 level or above coursework with no more than 15 credits from any one discipline are required. No more than six (6) credits for courses numbered 399 may be used to fulfill major requirements. A maximum of six (6) credits for Independent Study and three (3) to twelve (12) credits for Internship may be used to fulfill the degree requirements. The student’s completed program must reflect a minimum of thirty-six credit hours at the 300 level or above.

At least 30 credit hours towards degree requirements must be completed in residence at Coastal Carolina University after students are admitted to the program.

V. ELECTIVES (44-51 Credits) .............................................. 44-51

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED ............................................... 120